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1. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS CONDUCTED MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF SANTIAGO, DESPITE THE DECREE BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY EARLIER IN THE DAY OF DECEMBER. CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE) USED LIBERAL AMOUNTS OF TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE THE STUDENTS, WHO GATHERED AT SEVERAL STREET INTERSECTIONS AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN THE AFTERNOON TO SHOUT ANTI-GOVERNMENT, ANTI-CUBAN SLOGANS.)

2. THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE CHRISTIAN

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). THE DECISION TO HOLD FLASH DEMONSTRATIONS IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO WAS MORE OR LESS SPONTANEOUS, BUT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDENTS WAS TO SHOW THEIR CAPABILITY TO TIE UP SEVERAL INTERSECTIONS IN A SPECIFIC AREA. THERE WERE FOUR GROUPS OF STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY [REDACTED].

3. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PDC MET [REDACTED] TO FORMULATE AN ANSWER TO THE DECLARATION OF INTERIOR MINISTER JOSE T O H A, MADE DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF [REDACTED], WHICH ATTRIBUTED THE VIOLENCE OF [REDACTED] TO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. [REDACTED]

4. THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) AS OF [REDACTED] DECEMBER WAS THAT THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) GOVERNMENT FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE STREET CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE OPPOSITION TO HELP INDUCE A PERIOD OF CALM IN SANTIAGO. THE PCCH WANTS THE PARTIES OF THE U.P. TO RETURN TO THEIR TRADITIONAL FORM OF STRUGGLE THROUGH THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH THEY [REDACTED]

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ARE PREDOMINANT. HOWEVER, THE PCCH IS AWARE THAT ITS SENTIMENTS IN THIS REGARD ARE NOT SHARED BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS), WHOSE LEADERS BELIEVE THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES SHOULD BE MET AND CONFRONTED WHENEVER THEY TAKE TO THE STREETS. WHILE THE PCCH IS NOT AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), THE PARTY ASSUMES THE MIR WILL FAVOR THE PS POSITION. THE LEADERS OF THE U.P. ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE [REDACTED] IN AN ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT THE ABOVE DIFFERENCES REGARDING TACTICS. [REDACTED]

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5. FIDEL CASTRO IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CHILE [REDACTED]

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6. THREE PERSONS WERE SHOT DURING THE VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN SANTIAGO WHICH ERUPTED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PROTEST MARCH BY CHILEAN WOMEN. ONE OF THE THREE, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE NECK, IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION AND MAY NOT LIVE. THE ONLY PERSONS WHO WERE SEEN USING FIREARMS WERE MEMBERS OF THE PCCH'S RAMONA-PARRA BRIGADE (BRP).

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IN ADDITION TO USING LIVE AMMUNITION, SEVERAL BRP MEMBERS WERE USING FIREARMS LOADED WITH BLANK CARTRIDGES. THIS WAS USED AS A DEVICE TO CAUSE PANIC AMONG THE WOMEN MARCHERS AND TO ATTEMPT TO CAUSE A STAMPEDE. BRP MEMBERS FIRED ON OCCASION SO CLOSE TO THE DEMONSTRATORS THAT THE LATTER RECEIVED POWDER BURNS. TEN CARABINERO OFFICIALS WERE ALSO WOUNDED, ALTHOUGH NONE WERE SHOT. ONE OF THE WOUNDED IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION, BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO LIVE.

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